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Comments: I am writing as an American who strongly supports full protection for our National Forests in the Pacific Southwest Wilderness. In these forests, there are many trails and roads included that abut wilderness boundaries, with unclear impacts to Wilderness. At this time, I am very concerned because the actions of the National Forest Service which may include massive logging and other clearing methods of fallen trees will result in the loss of Wilderness National forest trees, that could be significant in the Marble Mountains, Trinity Alps, Kaiser, Ansel Adams, John Muir, Golden Trout, Monarch, Jennie Lakes, Domeland, Yolla Bolly Middle Eel, Snow Mountain, Yuki, and Bucks Lake Wildernesses,

To ensure full protection for National Forests in the Pacific Southwest, I strongly oppose any activity by the National Forest Service that involves the use of chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness because dead and dying trees should be left alone in Wilderness forests.

To best ensure preservation of our Wilderness National Forests in the Pacific Southwest, I strongly urge the Forest Service to only employ the use crosscut saws, not chainsaws, to clear trails of only the fallen trees that must be removed in these forest areas.

Please understand that Wilderness visitors should be allowed to experience nature on its own terms, and this includes any risks to visitors that would be included in their visits to Wilderness forests.

At this time, I thank you for your consideration of my letter. To ensure full protection for Wilderness areas in the Pacific Southwest National Forests, I strongly urge the Forest Service to please completely exclude all Wilderness areas from this project, including any encroachment from activity on wilderness boundaries.

Sincerely,

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